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ANNCR:

"THIS WEEK."

FROM THE VOICE OF AMERICA, THE HIGHLIGHTS OF THE WEEK GONE BY...
A LOOK AT SOME OF THE EVENTS, A CROSS-SECTION OF THE IDEAS, AND
THE VOICES OF SOME OF THE PEOPLE WHO MADE NEWS DURING THE PAST
SEVEN DAYS. YOUR NARRATOR IS-----.

NARR:

CHINESE CHAIRMAN HUA KUO FENG CONTINUED HIS UNPRECEDENTED
TRIP TO EASTERN EUROPE THIS WEEK BY MEETING WITH YUGOSLAVIA'S
PRESIDENT TITO. THE TWO LEADERS HELD PRIVATE TALKS IN BELGRADE
WHERE THEY REPORTEDLY DISCUSSED DETENTE, AFRICA, AND SOUTHEAST
ASIA AS WELL AS CHINESE RELATIONS WITH A NUMBER OF OTHER
COUNTRIES.

EARLIER IN THE WEEK, CHAIRMAN HUA CONCLUDED HIS VISIT TO
ROMANIA IN WHAT WAS SEEN AS AN HISTORIC EFFORT TO SHOW THE
CHINESE FLAG IN A COMMUNIST COUNTRY ALLIED BY TREATY TO MOSCOW.
IN TWELVE HOURS OF TALKS WITH ROMANIAN PRESIDENT CEAUSESCU, HUA
PRESUMABLY TOOK THE OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS THE NEW ACTIVE
CHINESE FOREIGN POLICY.

LATER IN THE WEEK, AFTER DEPARTING BELGRADE CHAIRMAN HUA
VISITED THE YUGOSLAV REPUBLIC OF MACEDONIA. VOA CORRESPONDENT
MARK HOPKINS FILED THIS REPORT:

TAPE: CUT ONE -- HOPKINS

"AS THIS NINE-DAY JOURNEY UNFOLDS IN YUGOSLAVIA, IT BECOMES
APPARENT THAT ONE DISTINCT PURPOSE IS TO PLACE CHAIRMAN HUA IN
CENTER STAGE, WHERE HE CAN VOICE CHINA'S VIEWS TO A WESTERN
AUDIENCE -- MOST ESPECIALLY CHINA'S WARNING THAT THE SOVIET
UNION IS A THREAT TO PEACE. WHETHER PEKING'S ASSERTION IS RIGHT
OR WRONG, CHAIRMAN HUA SEEMS INTENT ON WINNING FRIENDS FOR
CHINA. HE IS DOING IT BY THE TIME-TESTED DEVICE OF PERSONAL

DIPLOMACY AND PERSONAL CONTACT WITH ALL LEVELS OF YUGOSLAVS -- FROM RANK AND FILE WORKERS TO PRESIDENT TITO HIMSELF."

NARR:

(OPT) AS CHAIRMAN HUA TRAVELED THROUGH YUGOSLAVIA, THE SOVIET COMMUNIST PARTY NEWSPAPER PRAVDA WARNED OF CHINESE DESIRES TO DOMINATE THE WORLD. IN MOSCOW'S STRONGEST ATTACK ON PEKING IN RECENT WEEKS, PRAVDA WARNED THE WEST AGAINST SUPPLYING PEKING WITH WEAPONS. PRAVDA COMMENTED THAT "THOSE TODAY WHO ARE TRYING TO PLAY THE MARKED CHINESE CARD" -- IN ITS WORDS -- "ARE MAKING A SERIOUS MISCALCULATION."

THE LATEST EXPRESSION OF SOVIET CONCERN ABOUT CHINA WAS ALSO EVIDENT IN A JOINT STATEMENT ISSUED THIS WEEK BY SOVIET PRESIDENT LEONID BREZHNEV AND MONGOLIAN PRESIDENT TSENDEBAL. MONGOLIA, LOCATED STRATEGICALLY BETWEEN CHINA AND THE SOVIET UNION, SIDES WITH MOSCOW IN THE SINO-SOVIET DISPUTE. THE TWO LEADERS SAID CHINA IS BUILDING UP TENSION AND EXACERBATING RELATIONS BETWEEN STATES. (END OPT)

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IN ANOTHER OUTBURST OF TERRORISM THIS WEEK, AN ISRAELI AIRLINE BUS WAS ATTACKED IN MIDTOWN LONDON LEAVING ONE AIR HOSTESS DEAD AND SEVERAL PEOPLE INJURED. A RADICAL PALESTINIAN GROUP CLAIMED RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE ATTACK. THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT EXPRESSED "REPUGNANCE" AT THE BLOODY INCIDENT. BUT A STATEMENT FROM THE FOREIGN OFFICE ALSO EXPRESSED "REGRET" AT THE LOSS OF LIFE IN A REPRISAL AIR RAID BY ISRAEL AGAINST PALESTINIAN BASES IN LEBANON. THE FOREIGN OFFICE STATEMENT SAID, HOWEVER GREAT THE PROVOCATION, SUCH REPRISALS IN ITS WORDS, MERELY PERPETUATE THE CYCLE OF VIOLENCE.

HERE IN WASHINGTON, THE UNITED STATES REACTED STRONGLY TO THE LATEST VIOLENCE BETWEEN ISRAEL AND PALESTINIAN EXTREMISTS. VOA CORRESPONDENT DEBI WEINSTEIN REPORTS:

TAPE: CUT TWO -- WEINSTEIN

"A STATE DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN CONDEMNED THE ATTACK IN LONDON ON AN EL AL AIRLINES BUS OUTSIDE A DOWNTOWN HOTEL. THE SPOKESMAN CALLED THE ATTACK A DEPLORABLE AND SAVAGE ACT OF TERRORISM THAT BROUGHT DEATH AND INJURY TO INNOCENT PERSONS. AN ISRAELI STEWARDESS WAS KILLED AND TWO OTHERS INJURED WHEN ARAB TERRORISTS LAUNCHED A GRENADE AND MACHINE GUN ATTACK AGAINST THE BUS ON SUNDAY."

NARR:

THE STATE DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN ALSO NOTED THAT THE RADICAL POPULAR FRONT FOR THE LIBERATION OF PALESTINE HAD CLAIMED RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE TERRORIST ATTACK. AND HE SAID TERRORISM OF THIS KIND HAS NO JUSTIFICATION. REFERRING TO THE ISRAELI RETALIATORY RAID IN LEBANON, THE STATE DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN DEPLORED WHAT HE CALLED THIS CYCLE OF VIOLENCE.

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THE PRESIDENT OF KENYA, JOMO KENYATTA, DIED THIS WEEK. HE WAS IN HIS EIGHTIES. HE WAS ONE OF THE PIONEERS OF THE MOVE FOR INDEPENDENCE OF AFRICAN NATIONS FROM EUROPEAN COLONIALISM. JOMO KENYATTA EARNED THE TITLE OF ELDER STATESMEN OF AFRICA , IN PART BECAUSE HE HAD STARTED THE FIGHT FOR FREEDOM FROM COLONIAL RULE LONG BEFORE MOST OTHER AFRICAN LEADERS. VOA CORRESPONDENT BOB CHANCELLOR TRACED JUMO KENYATTA'S EARLY CARTER IN THIS REPORT FROM NAIROBI:

TAPE: CUT THREE -- CHANCELLOR

"JOMO KENYATTA FIRST BECAME INVOLVED IN POLITICS IN 1922, AND SIX YEARS LATER WAS SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE KIKUYU CENTRAL ASSOCIATION, AN EARLY TRIBAL NATIONALIST ORGANIZATION CONCERNED WITH LAND, LABOR AND TAXES. HE WAS THE FIRST EDITOR OF THE K.C.A. NEWSPAPER AND IN LATER YEARS RECEIVED WORLDWIDE ATTENTION FOR HIS BOOK 'FACING MOUNT KENYA' WITH ITS STRONG DENUNCIATION OF COLONIALISM AND ITS IMPACT ON AFRICAN CULTURE. AT THE END OF WORLD WAR TWO, MISTER KENYATTA REPRESENTED HIS COUNTRY AND WAS NAMED PRESIDENT OF THE FIRST PAN AFRICAN CONGRESS IN MANCHESTER, ENGLAND. THAT MEETING, HE SAID, CONVINCED HIM THAT HE MUST WORK TO UNITE ALL THE PEOPLE OF KENYA AND AIM FOR NOTHING SHORT OF INDEPENDENCE."

NARR:

IN THE LATE 1940S THE SECRET MAU MAU SOCIETY UNLEASHED A TERRORIST CAMPAIGN AGAINST BRITISH COLONIALISM IN KENYA. ALTHOUGH MISTER KENYATTA ALWAYS DENIED ANY CONNECTION WITH THE GROUP AND SAID HE ABHORRED VIOLENCE, HE AND 99 OTHERS WERE ARRESTED WHEN THE BRITISH DECLARED A STATE OF EMERGENCY. MISTER KENYATTA WAS FOUND GUILTY OF DIRECTING MAU MAU ACTIVITIES AND WAS SUBSEQUENTLY JAILED. HE WAS ELECTED THE FIRST PRESIDENT OF THE KENYA AFRICAN NATIONAL UNION WHILE STILL IN JAIL. THE YEARS SINCE KENYAN INDEPENDENCE IN 1963 HAVE BEEN MARKED BY ECONOMIC GROWTH AND STABILITY RARELY EQUALLED IN BLACK AFRICA, WITH PRESIDENT KENYATTA PROVIDING FIRM AND DECISIVE LEADERSHIP.

(OPT) IN WASHINGTON, THE WHITE HOUSE CALLED JOMO KENYATTA A GIANT OF THE AFRICAN INDEPENDENCE STRUGGLE AND A REVERED LEADER OF HIS COUNTRY. THE STATEMENT SAID THAT UNDER THE GUIDANCE OF PRESIDENT KENYATTA, KENYA'S INTERNAL DEVELOPMENT WAS STEADY AND ORDERLY AND ITS CONDUCT IN INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS SHOWED A MATURE RESPONSIBILITY. THE WHITE HOUSE TRIBUTE ALSO SAID PRESIDENT KENYATTA WAS DEDICATED TO THE PRINCIPLES OF INDEPENDENCE, MAJORITY RULE, AND PEACE AND EQUALITY AMONG NATIONS. AND IT SAID HIS VOICE WILL BE MISSED IN THE COUNCILS OF AFRICA AND THE WORLD. (END OPT)

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AN AMERICAN CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION WAS IN HANOI THIS WEEK FOR TALKS WITH VIETNAMESE LEADERS ON MISSING U.S. SERVICEMEN AND OTHER ISSUES AFFECTING VIETNAMESE-AMERICAN RELATIONS. CONGRESSMEN G.V. MONTGOMERY, WHO HEADS THE U.S. DELEGATION, TOLD VIETNAMESE FOREIGN MINISTER PHAN HIEN THAT HIS GROUP CANNOT MAKE POLICY OR NEGOTIATE. BUT HE ADDED THAT THE DELEGATION WILL TAKE BACK WHAT IT LEARNS TO PRESIDENT CARTER AND THE U.S. CONGRESS.

THE IMPRESSIONS GAINED BY THE AMERICAN DELEGATION MAY BE AN IMPORTANT FACTOR WHEN CONGRESS DECIDES NEXT MONTH WHETHER TO CONTINUE OR LIFT THE U.S. EMBARGO ON TRADE WITH VIETNAM. ONE OBSTACLE TO NORMALIZING RELATIONS -- VIETNAM'S DEMAND FOR SUBSTANTIAL AID FROM THE UNITED STATES -- APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN DROPPED OR AT LEAST SET ASIDE. LATER IN THE WEEK THE CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION FLEW TO NEIGHBORING LAOS TO CONTINUE ITS EFFORT TO ACCOUNT FOR MISSING AMERICAN MILITARY PERSONNEL IN INDOCHINA. VOA CORRESPONDENT WAYNE COREY REPORTED FROM BANGKOK:

TAPE: CUT FOUR -- COREY

"THE DELEGATION HEADED BY CONGRESSMEN G.V. MONTGOMERY IS GOING TO LAOS AFTER LAO OFFICIALS EXPRESSED INTEREST IN A VISIT AT THIS TIME. IT'S NOT KNOWN WHICH OFFICIALS THE CONGRESSMEN WILL TALK WITH IN VIENTIANE. THE DISCUSSIONS ARE EXPECTED TO DEAL PRIMARILY WITH MISSING AMERICAN SERVICEMEN IN LAOS. THE MISSING OR PRESUMED DEAD AMERICANS ARE BELIEVED TO BE ALL AIRCRAFT PILOTS OR CREWS. THE COMMUNIST GOVERNMENT OF LAOS HAS NOT RETURNED THE REMAINS OF ANY AMERICAN SERVICEMAN SINCE IT TOOK POWER IN VIENTIANE IN LATE 1975."

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NARR:

THE GOVERNMENT OF NICARAGUAN PRESIDENT ANASTASIO SOMOZA GAVE IN TO GUERRILLA DEMANDS THIS WEEK AFTER A BAND OF SOMOZA'S OPPONENTS STORMED THE NATIONAL LEGISLATURE, TAKING MORE THAN FIFTY HOSTAGES. SOME TWENTY GUERRILLAS AND 59 SO-CALLED POLITICAL PRISONERS FREED BY THE GOVERNMENT TOOK OFF FROM MANAGUA AIRPORT LATER IN THE WEEK FOR PANAMA AND VENEZUELA, LEAVING BEHIND ALL THE HOSTAGES THEY HAD SEIZED. AT THE AIRPORT ONE OF GUERRILLA LEADERS EXPLAINED THEIR ACTION:

TAPE: CUT FIVE -- NICARAGUAN GUERRILLA

"WE, THE NICARAGUAN PEOPLE, ARE FIGHTING AGAINST THE SOMOZA REGIME AND WE PLAN TO FREE ALL OUR BROTHERS FROM THE JAILS OF SOMOZA'S REGIME."

NARR:

CROWDS OF NICARAGUANS WHO LINED THE FENCES AND CLIMBED ON ROOFTOPS TO WITNESS THE GUERRILLAS' DEPARTURE APPLAUDED AND SHOUTED THEIR APPROVAL. LATER, AT A NEWS CONFERENCE NICARAGUAN PRESIDENT SOMOZA CALLED THE INCIDENT ANOTHER MANIFESTATION OF WHAT HE DESCRIBED AS THE BATTLE THAT STARTED WHEN FIDEL CASTRO CAME TO POWER IN CUBA IN 1959. HE SAID IT MEANS THE NICARAGUAN PEOPLE HAVE TO FACE THE FACT THAT IDEOLOGIES OTHER THAN THE TRADITIONAL ONES ARE ON THE ASCENDANCY IN NICARAGUA. AND HE ADDED THIS MEANS THAT SOME DAY NICARAGUA IS GOING TO BE DIVIDED INTO DEMOCRATIC AND COMMUNIST GROUPS.

ONE OF THE SPECTATORS AT THE MANAGUA AIRPORT SAID A GREAT MAJORITY OF THE NICARAGUAN PEOPLE SYMPATHIZED WITH THE GUERRILLAS IN THEIR ANTI-SOMOZA STANCE, AND HE ADDED THAT THE PRESIDENT MUST KNOW BY NOW THAT HE IS IN REAL TROUBLE. NICARAGUA HAS BEEN RULED BY THE SOMOZA FAMILY FOR OVER FORTY YEARS.

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THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION TOOK NEW ACTION THIS WEEK TO SHORE UP THE VALUE OF THE DOLLAR ON WORLD MONEY MARKETS. THE TREASURY DEPARTMENT SAID IT WILL MORE THAN DOUBLE THE AMOUNT OF GOLD IT SELLS TO THE PUBLIC EACH MONTH. OFFICIALS SAID THAT STARTING IN NOVEMBER THE TREASURY WILL SELL 750 THOUSAND OUNCES OF GOLD.

THE INCREASE IN GOLD SALES IS THE SECOND PUBLICLY-ANNOUNCED STEP IN THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION'S PROGRAM TO HALT THE DOLLAR'S DECLINE. LAST WEEK, THE FEDERAL RESERVE BOARD -- THE U.S. CENTRAL BANK -- INCREASED THE INTEREST RATE IT CHARGES ON LOANS TO MEMBER BANKS. THAT MOVE WAS DESIGNED TO CUT INFLATION AND MAKE U.S. INVESTMENTS MORE ATTRACTIVE TO FOREIGNERS. LATER IN THE WEEK,

THE U.S. COMMERCE DEPARTMENT SAID THE U.S. TRADE DEFICIT HAD DECLINED SHARPLY IN THE SECOND QUARTER OF THIS YEAR. VOA CORRESPONDENT DAVID GOLLUST FILED THIS REPORT:

TAPE: CUT SIX -- GOLLUST

"THE SECOND QUARTER TRADE DEFICIT WAS STILL QUITE LARGE BY HISTORICAL STANDARDS -- SOME EIGHT THOUSAND MILLION DOLLARS. BUT IT WAS AN IMPROVEMENT OF MORE THAN THREE THOUSAND MILLION DOLLARS FROM THE POOR TRADE PERFORMANCE OF THE JANUARY TO MARCH QUARTER. AND IT IS ANOTHER SIGN THAT THE U.S. ECONOMY MAY BE RECOVERING FROM ITS UNPRECEDENTED TRADE PROBLEMS. COMMERCE DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS SAID THE DECLINE IN THE DEFICIT WAS DUE TO A BIG INCREASE IN SECOND QUARTER EXPORTS -- PARTICULARLY EXPORTS OF GRAIN, SOYBEANS AND OTHER FARM PRODUCTS, WHICH WERE SHIPPED OVERSEAS AT A RECORD PACE. ALL OTHER MAJOR EXPORT CATEGORIES ALSO INCREASED -- PARTICULARLY MACHINERY AND CONSUMER GOODS."

NARR:

AS THE WEEK ENDED, THE COLLEGE OF CARDINALS ASSEMBLED AT THE VATICAN TO SELECT POPE PAUL'S SUCCESSOR. THE ONE-HUNDRED ELEVEN ECCLESIASTICAL BODY, REPRESENTING CARDINALS FROM ALL OVER THE WORLD, WILL CAST THEIR VOTES IN TOTAL SECRECY AND IN ALMOST ABSOLUTE SECLUSION FROM THE OUTSIDE WORLD.

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ANNCR:

AND THOSE ARE SOME OF THE STORIES THAT MADE HEADLINES THIS WEEK. YOUR NARRATOR WAS-----, JOIN US AGAIN NEXT-----WHEN THE VOICE OF AMERICA TAKES A LOOK AT THE NEXT SEVEN DAYS OF THE WEEK.

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